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(203-3592PCTUS)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Bruce Jankowski **EXAMINER:** To Be Assigned
SERIAL NO.: To Be Assigned **GROUP UNIT:** To Be Assigned
FILED: Concurrently Herewith
TITLE: VACUUM ASSISTED SURGICAL STAPLER

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir/Madam:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

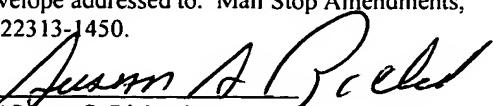
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10

I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as enclosed are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on date below in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendments, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated: 6/20/05


Susan S. Rickard